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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION ABANDONED**  
**UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Abandonment dated 1/16/2004 stating that the above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 3/15/2002. This petition is filed within one year of the date of the Notice of Abandonment. Any delay caused by the abandonment of the application was unintentional.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice to file Missing Parts dated 3/15/2002, the response to said Notice dated April 11, 2002 including two executed Declarations, two Recordation Form Cover Sheets and two executed Assignments. Also enclosed is a copy of the post card stamped by your office showing receipt of the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts stamped April 18, 2002.

It appears there was an error in the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts in that the provisional patent application serial number was included instead of the perfected patent application serial number. Enclosed is a new Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

(It also appears there is a PTO error in the filing date as the provisional patent application was filed on 10/01/01 and the perfected patent application was filed on 12/10/01 however the PTO label on the returned postcard states 1/21/00.) Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt upon which the necessary changes have been made. Issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that might be due to Deposit Account No. 19-2179. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

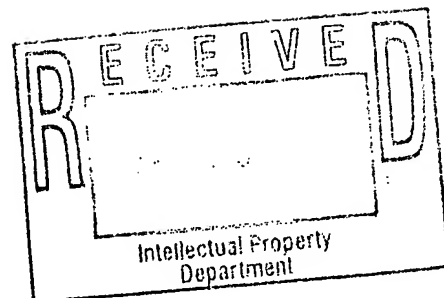
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**NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)**

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 03/15/2002.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to the "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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